SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: The Government is procuring and giving it to them. It is going on.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let him answer.

SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR: There is no law. The farmer is free. He shall be free.

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: He should be free. That is what we want.

SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR: We won't be bounded slaves to anybody.

श्री राजनाथ सिंह: उपसभापति जी, इस प्रश्न का उत्तर जो माननीय मंत्री जी द्वारा दिया गया है वह अधूरा है। इस प्रश्न के पार्ट ए का उत्तर माननीय मंत्री जी ने दिया है कि नो सर

'Administration of land being a State subject...

इससे यह जाहिर है कि भारत सरकार की ऐसी कोई नीति नहीं है कि पब्लिक लैंड को इंडस्ट्रियल आर्गनाइजेशंस को लीज पर दिया जाए। यह इस उत्तर से स्पष्ट है। लेकिन इसके पार्ट बी में, जिसमें प्रश्नकर्ता माननीय सदस्य ने यह जानना चाहा है कि क्या कुछ ऐसी स्टेट हैं, क्या कुछ ऐसे राज्य हैं, जिन राज्यों में इंडस्ट्रियल आर्गेनाइजेशन को पब्लिक लैंड लीज पर दिए जा रहे हैं। माननीय मंत्री जी को इस बात की जानकारी है कि कुछ ऐसे राज्य हैं जहां पर लीज पर पब्लिक लैंड इंडस्ट्रियल आर्गेनाइजेशंस को दी जा रही है? यदि हां, तो वे राज्य कौन-कौन से है और यह पब्लिक लैंड जिन राज्यों में इंडस्ट्रियल आर्गेनाइजेशंस को दी गई है, इसकी जानकारी मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से जानना चाहूंगा?

श्री बलराम जाखड़: इसकी मुझे कोई जानकारी नहीं है कि किस-किस ने किया है। मैं यह पता करके बता दूंगा। मेरे नोटिस में नहीं है कि किस सरकार ने किस को दी है।

उपसभापति: यह स्टेट गवर्नमेंट्स का मामला है। केन्द्रीय मंत्री जी को कैसे पता होगा स्टेट वे। वह मालूम करके बता देंगे।

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Industrial houses are buying a lot of land and setting up different kinds of tree plantations.

Self-Employment Opportunities in the Animal Husbandary Sector

*726. SHRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH :
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDARA JICHKAR :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the animal husbandry sector provides more self-employment opportunities to unemployed persons then any other sector of employment;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any assessment about the number of persons in self-employment in this sector; and

(c) the steps taken to increase self-employment in the animal husbandry sector?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Genetic quality of indigenous animals is improved through technology applications at Central and State run breeding farms of cattle, poultry and sheep. Superior Germplasm through artificial insemination and embryo transfer is sought to be introudced in respect of cattle (for milk), pureline breeding operations in respect of poultry (for eggs) and periodic replenishment of exotic germplasm in respect of sheep (for wool). Health care coverage is extended through vaccination programmes against diseases such as Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) and Rinderpest. Vaccines are produced in both public and private sector. Assistance is given to State Governments to the extent of 50% for carrying out FMD vaccinations. Feed and Forage stations run by the Centre and the States seek to encourage the growth of high yielding and nutritious varieties of grasses and legumes and popularise their use.

A scheme on Special Livestock Development Programme is being taken up for generating self-employment.

DR SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR : Madam last week a question was raised in this House as to how the Australian bees have eaten up our Indian bees in Karnataka. Two days ago, on the television it was shown how the Italian bees have introduced a virus which has affected our honey bees in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka. Madam, in the reply the hon. Minister has said that Genetic quality of indigenous animals will be imported and superior germplasm will be introduced. I want to know whether these genes are imported; whether this germplasm is imported; if it is imported, it is imported from which countries, and what the guarantee is that these imported germplasm and genes would not introduce some kind of virus in our cattle and lead to natural cow slaughter.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : A very nicely put question.

SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR : Madam, this is a scientific question. The hon. Member is a very learned person. I know him very well and he knows that science makes experiments. There is a continuous process and we have all around, throughout the would, interacton with other scientific institutions and we do import and export cetain things and in that process we create some new genes or bees, and everything is done. We have also very fine quarantine method for that. Sometimes these things do happen but we do take care of them and it is but natural and that is why today the supply of milk and other things is available. We have taken all the steps to increase it from 20 million tonnes 61 million tonnes. It is all due to the progress made by the scientific methods. Sometimes it can happen and we will take care of it and assure that everything goes well.

DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR : Madam, I thank the Minister for assuring us that the Government will take care of it. Thank you.

Madam, the animal husbandry sector is a sector which provides more self employment opportunities than any other sector in this country but the nationalised banks are most unenthusiastic in giving loans for animal husbandry sector. Madam, it is easy to get loans for an ice cream parlour but it is very difficult to get loans to procure five cows. Now what will the hon. Minister do to see that credit is effectively made available to the animal husbandry sector?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Go through the ice cream parlour.

SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR : Madam, it has got to be extended. We have to do an accomodative work on this, and I think there are difficulties; I have also noted these things and I am trying to smoothen it out.

उपसभापति : आप कहिये आइस क्रीम बनाने के लिए आपको गाय चाहिये।

SHRIMATI MIRA DAS : Madam, I did not expect the kind of reply that is given by our hon. Minister. The main thrust is on self-employment. "A scheme on Special Livestock Development Programme is being taken up for generating self-employment." Only these two lines are given on the self-employment.

Madam, unemployment is a burning problem. It is there everywhere. It is more acute in rural areas. Agriculture and animal husbandry are the main sources of employment in the rural areas. They help in solving the unemployment problem. Madam, I would have been happy if the Minister had given a comprehensive reply. The previous speaker has already explained how banks are treating the people who wanted to take loans for the purpose of livestock. I would emphasise this point. I would like to know whether the Minister would make it a point to see that banks give loans to farmers more generously.

SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR : We in this Department had got 11 schemes which NDC indentified for transfer to the States as per our discussion with planning commission.

SHRIMATI MIRA DAS : They are not being implemented. You know it better.

SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR : I will tell you something. listen to me first. We have transferred the ongoing scheme to the States. I know certain discrepancies have taken place in this scheme which has been handed over to the State Governments. But, I think, in their wisdom they decided this. There are other items. It is quite a long list of schemes which have been identified for transfer to the States, which I can give you. I think certain Staes do not take much interest in them. They do not persuade. That is the problem. We are the catalysts. We are trying to do something which will generate more employment. It is being done in the most serious way. This needs the least investment. About a lakh of rupees is needed to have a good milch cattle and to do something. This is also a problem throughout the country. We have seen it and it is beneficial. Our National Dairy Development Board has done a wonderful job. We have done many good things in the co-opeative sector. I will take care of what you have suggested. I am very much vexed about this problem of banks providing loans. There are difficulties. I feel it. I don't know why these people do not co-opeerate with us. The real saving grace comes from the rural sector of the society. These big businesses take the money which belongs to us. We have ecreated it and we are the persons who are getting leasser and lesser. I am trying to eradicate this disease.

DR. M. ARAM : Madam, in view of the considerable potential for self-employment of this sector of animal husbandry and dairy farming, can this area be included in the approved list of subjects under the Prime Minsiter's self-employment scheme for unemployed youth? As of now, I understand that it is not in the list and some graduates have represented to the hon. Minister. Would the Minister consider the inclusion of this area in the list?

SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR : I will look into it.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Shri V. Narayanasamy. Put a brief question and give a brief answer.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Madam, as regards the animal husbandry sector, not only the State Governmen: but also the Central Government are not giving much importance to it. It is not merely providing employment opportunities, but it is providing rural employment. There are not only milch animals but there are also poultry farming and so many other items. Will the Central Government allocate more funds to the State Governments so that they can create more employment opportunities for the rural people in the animal husbandry sector?

SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR: For the information of the hon. Member, I can say that as against about Rs. 400 crores in the Seventh Plan I have provided Rs. 1,300 crores for it.

श्रीमती कमला सिन्हा: मैडम, मेरा एक प्रश्न है। मंत्री जी ने कहा कि हाइब्रिड कैटल के लिए बेटर जीन्स विदेशों से मंगाए जाएंगे। उसके लिए आर एण्ड डी वगैरह का काम हो रहा है। मैं कहना चाहती हूं कि हमारे देश में केरल में एक इंडिजेनस कैटल है। वह छोटा साइज़ होता है और साइज़ छोटा है इसलिए खाना भी कम खाता है लेकिन उसके दूध का उत्पादन ज्यादा होता है और वह फैट तथा प्रोटीन रिच भी होता है। महोदया, विदेशों से उसके जींस की खोज करने के लिए यहां आ रहे है, लेकिन अभी तक तो लोगों को मिला नहीं है। They want to get this gene so that they can produce more fat-rich and protein-rich milk. I have read in the newspapers that this information is being leaked out by the people there. I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether the Government is aware of this fact and whether the Governemnt wants to protect our own genes, good quality genes.

श्री बलराम जाखड़: अवश्यमेव, कोई चिंता ही नहीं है।

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Fake Bank Guarantee/Letter of Credit to BALCO

*721. SHRI S. MUTHU MANI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 324 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th December, 1993 and state:

(a) whether Balco has approached Government to waive off the outstanding amount lying against the defaulters who produced fake bank guarantee/letter of credit to BALCO.

(b) if so, the total amount realised out of the outstanding amount as on date and in case no amount has been realised, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what are the details of the banks involved for issuing fake letter of credit/ Bank guarantee and what are the name of the companies involved therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The total outstanding as on 1.12.93 was Rs. 55.76 crores. Out of this amount, Rs. 45.88 crores has since been realised.

(c) Letters of Credits issued by the Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi branch of Bank of India on behalf of the following parties were found to be defective.

1. P.D. Enterprises, Delhi.
2. Chaitanya Powerlines (P) Ltd., Delhi.
3. Diamond Cables and Conductors, Delhi.
4. G.K. Industrial Corporation, Delhi.

मध्य प्रदेश में चूना-पत्थर के भंडार

*723. श्री अजीत जोगी:
श्री मूलचन्द मीणा:

क्या खान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) मध्य प्रदेश में चूना-पत्थर के अनुमानित भंडार कितने है; और

(ख) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान राज्य में प्रत्येक वर्ष कितनी मात्रा में चूना-पत्थर का दोहन हुआ है?

खान मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री बलराम सिंह यादव): (क) मध्य प्रदेश में चूना-पत्थर के कुल निक्षेप 12927.844 मिलियन टन होने का अनुमान है।

(ख) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान मध्य प्रदेश में चूना पत्थर का उत्पादन निम्नवत रहा:—

वर्ष	मात्रा (मिलियन टन में)
1991-92	21.983
1992-93	21.794
1993-94	24.851

Funds Earmarked for Job-Oreinted Education

*727. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to make the education job-oriented;

(b) if so, the plan formulated in that regard;

(c) the fund earmarked in Eighth Plan for the purpose; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Vocationalisation of Secondary Education is being implemented since February 1988, with the primary objective of imparting employable skills to the students at the +2 level.

(c) and (d) An outlay of Rs. 410 crores has been earmarked during the Eighth